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SUBJECT: NOON PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 29

1. THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING DIPLOMATIC NOTE
FROM THE CHILEAN EMBASSY ON JUNE 28:

QUOTE: THE EMBASSY OF CHILE PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO
THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WISHES TO INFORM THAT IN A
MEMORANDUM DATED OCTOBER 20, 1976, EXPRESSED THE INTENTION
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES.

ON THIS OCCASION AND IN VIEW OF THE SAME CONSIDERATIONS SET
FORTH IN SAID MEMORANDUM, THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE WISHES
TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF ITS DESIRE
TO DECLINE THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH
(B)(1) OF SECTION 406 OF LAW NO. 94-329, PROMULGATED

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JUNE 30, 1976.

THE EMBASSY OF CHILE AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE THE ASSURANCES OF ITS
HIGHEST AND MOST DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE

2. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WERE PREPARED FOR THE JUNE 29

PRESS BRIEFING:

Q: HAS THERE BEEN ANY REACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE TO THE DECISION TO DEFER THE TWO AID LOANS?

A: THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A NOTE YESTERDAY IN WHICH THE GOC INFORMED US OF ITS DESIRE TO DECLINE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AUTHORIZED FOR FY 77 UNDER SECTION 406 (B)(1) OF THE FAA. THE TWO DEFERRED AGRICULTURAL LOANS ARE COVERED BY THIS SECTION. I HAVE THE TEXT OF THIS SECTION AND WILL MAKE IT AVAILABLE AFTER THE BRIEFING, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

Q: WHAT ASSISTANCE DOES THIS SECTION COVER IN ADDITION TO THE TWO LOANS?

A: THIS SECTION PROVIDES FOR UP TO \$27.5 MILLION IN BILATERAL ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR CHILE, INCLUDING \$15.0 MILLION IN PL 480 TITLE I, AND \$12.5 MILLION IN A.I.D. DEVELOPMENT LOANS AND GRANTS. THE FIGURE OF \$12.5 MILLION INCLUDES THE \$9.6 MILLION PROPOSED FOR THE TWO AGRICULTURAL LOANS.

Q: DID THE CHILEANS SAY WHY THEY WERE REJECTING THIS ASSISTANCE?

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A: THEIR NOTE REFERRED TO THE TWO REASONS THEY GAVE LAST FALL IN AN EARLIER NOTE (OCTOBER 1976) RENOUNCING ASSISTANCE: THEIR ECONOMY WAS DEVELOPING FAVORABLY, AND THE SMALL AMOUNTS INVOLVED DID NOT JUSTIFY GETTING INTO RELATED POLITICAL ISSUES.

Q: WHAT DID THE CHILEANS RENOUNCE LAST FALL?

A: THEY REQUESTED THAT THEY NOT BE INCLUDED IN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR THE U.S. SUBSEQUENT TO FY 1977.

Q: DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE CHILEANS HAVE RENOUNCED ALL U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE?

A: I CANNOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION IN ADVANCE OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHILEANS.

Q: DID THEIR NOTE MENTION HUMAN RIGHTS?

A: NO, IT DID NOT.

Q: DOES THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVE THERE IS NO CONNECTION

BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND
THE CHILEAN REJECTION?

A: I CANNOT GO BEYOND WHAT THE CHILEAN NOTE HAS
EXPRESSED.

Q: DID THE USG INFORM THE GOC THAT THE TWO AGRICULTURAL
LOANS WOULD BE DEFERRED PRIOR TO YESTERDAY'S PUBLIC
ANNOUNCEMENT?

A: NO FORMAL NOTIFICATION WAS MADE, BUT THE CHILEAN
GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE OF THE ISSUE.

Q: IS THERE STILL A DEBATE WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION ON
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ASSISTANCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS-PROBLEM COUNTRIES?

A: THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS AS TO MEANS AND ENDS AS THERE
ALWAYS ARE ON DIFFICULT ISSUES OF THIS KIND. I DON'T
WANT TO SAY ANY MORE.

3. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED IN RELATION TO LOANS
DURING JUNE 29 NOON PRESS BRIEFING. CHRISTOPHER

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